

FAILS TO PROVE HIS CHARGES

COMMITTEE REPORTS ON BERESFORD'S ALLEGATIONS

Practically Exonerates Admiralty—Finds There Was Lack of Harmony.

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Aug. 14.—The committee which was appointed to investigate the recent criticisms made by Admiral Lord Charles Beresford on the state of the navy, has issued its report.

It practically exonerates the admiralty of Admiral Beresford's charges of having endangered the country by the unwise organization and distribution of the fleet, but finds that both the admiralty and Admiral Beresford are diametrically opposed in their co-operation.

Pro-Beresford papers contend that as several reforms Admiral Beresford advocated have been adopted, his agitation was justified, while the anti-Beresford papers express satisfaction that the navy scare has been exploded.

NEW WAGE SCALE.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—It is expected that a new wage scale for street car employees will prevent a strike during the next three and a half years will be signed to-night.

USE OF BRIDGE WAS OFFERED

E. & N. MAKES PROPOSAL FOR TEMPORARY USE

Supt. Beasley Explains How Access Can Be Had by Public.

It is not unlikely that an amicable arrangement will be reached between the city and the E. & N. regarding the use of the bridge by the public pending the settlement of the question by the railway commission.

At last night's meeting of the streets committee Superintendent H. E. Beasley was present and made a suggestion, following up one made by the solicitor of the company, J. E. McMullen, Vancouver. Mr. Beasley stated that the company has a right-of-way at the foot of Johnson street and would be willing to let the city have three feet for a walk, from which access could be had to the bridge; a footway could be railed off across it and at the reserve, and a way could be laid under the trestle to the old Craigflower road.

Ald. Henderson asked what objection there could be to pedestrians passing along by the side of the station as they have always done? "For the simple reason that they are trespassers and liable to get hurt on the tracks," replied Supt. Beasley.

Ald. Mable inquired if the company would pay part of the cost. Supt. Beasley smiled in deprecation.



RAILWAY PARTY IS MAKING STAY HERE

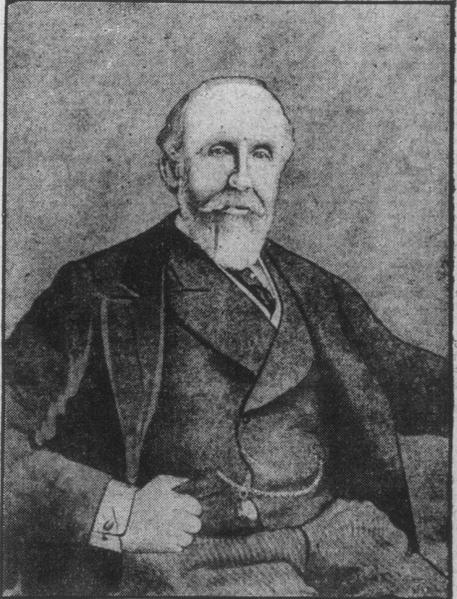
Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, C. M. Hays and Other Officials of G. T. P. are Spending Week End in Victoria.

(From Saturday's Daily.) For the present week-end Victoria has among her visitors a most distinguished party of transportation men. These are the G. T. P. officials, who are touring the West and will spend a few days here before leaving for Vancouver and Prince Rupert. Sir Rivers-Wilson, a well known financier of London, Eng., who for many years has been president of the Grand Trunk and Charles Hays, president of the G. T. P., are at the head of the party. In the railway world both men rank among the foremost. The intimate connection between the G. T. and the G. T. P. is such that Sir Charles has represented the old country interests on the great transcontinental road now under construction.

Sir Charles has held very important positions under the British government. Since he assumed the presidency of the Grand Trunk in 1895 there has been Mr. Hays and lay matters which may be of vital importance to Vancouver Island before him. Mr. Paterson is undoubtedly one of the ablest of the railway managers. The construction

minus at Prince Rupert 100 miles of road is almost ready for the rails, and 130 miles more are about to be let. From the other end the contracts are let well into B. C., through the Yellow Head Pass. The work has been carried along without ostentation, but nevertheless with wonderful dispatch.

When it is taken into account that the line is being constructed upon the most advanced of lines from an engineering standpoint, the record is all the better. It is acknowledged that in point of grades and equipment the G. T. P. will be without a peer among transcontinental railways. Advantage is to be taken of the presence in Victoria of these distinguished railway men to put before them some facts connected with the railway situation in the Pacific province. The railway committee of the board of trade, of which T. W. Paterson is chairman, will seek a conference with Mr. Hays and lay matters which may be of vital importance to Vancouver Island before him. Mr. Paterson is undoubtedly one of the ablest of the transportation men in the province. He



SIR CHARLES RIVERS-WILSON, President of Grand Trunk Railway.



CHARLES M. HAYS, President of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

CONSERVATION FIGHT WILL BE RENEWED

Controversy Between Secretary Ballinger and Pinchot Not Yet Settled.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 14.—Having completed the stormiest series of sessions in the history of the organization, the delegates to the National Irrigation Congress are leaving for their homes to-day, leaving the controversy between Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot to come up again at the conservation congress which will be held in Seattle the week after next. It also is probable that the matter will be mentioned in some form at the trans-Mississippi congress to be held in Denver next week.

One of the many features of the congress just closed was the adoption of a series of resolutions commending Chief Forester Pinchot and F. H. Newell, director of the reclamation service. Pinchot was championed chiefly by ex-Governor Pardee, of California, and Pardee and his friends look upon the work of the resolutions committee as a victory for the chief forester.

It is expected that the fight over what Pinchot termed the "Roosevelt policies" in connection with the public lands and the conservation of water power sites will be heard from in the coming conventions.

Investigation Probable. Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—The Washington Post to-day predicts that a congressional investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy will follow the publication of differences between the secretary of the interior and the chief forester.

STORM AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Down town basements and streets are flooded this morning by the heaviest rain recorded in Chicago in years. In some places the water was a foot deep, the rain fall being accompanied by a severe electrical storm. Many wires are down, but no fatalities have been reported.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION DESTROYS BUILDING

Mixer and Helper Killed, Former Being Blown to Pieces.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Gary, Ind., Aug. 14.—Two workmen are dead as a result of a terrific dynamite explosion in the works of the Aetna Powder Company at Aetna, Ind. One building owned by the Aetna company was destroyed and others badly damaged. Dozens of windows in the town were shattered.

The accident occurred late yesterday. Jos. M. Kohla, 37 years of age, a head mixer, who was in charge of the building, and Michael McCarthy, his helper, were killed. Kohla was blown literally to pieces. A search for his body resulted in the discovery of a few shreds of flesh and cloth and two metal buttons.

Four hundred employees, who were at the work in other buildings, were thrown into a panic by the explosion. They could not be induced to return to work for more than an hour. The cause of the accident is unknown.

NO LIMIT TO THE WATER SUPPLY

EMPRESS HOTEL CAN USE ANY QUANTITY

Ald. Stewart Thinks There is Something Peculiar About This.

It will be news to citizens that there is no limit to the amount of water which the Empress hotel can use. It has free water for fifteen years from its opening, and there has been an impression among aldermen as well as the public generally that the amount was limited to fifteen thousand gallons a day free.

It was this which led Ald. Fullerton on Friday to suggest again that a meter should be put on so that the city might collect rates for whatever was used in excess. He was surprised to learn that there was no limit in the agreement.

"I was in the council then," said Ald. Stewart, "and I distinctly remember asking Mr. Raymond how much water he thought would be fair. He said 15,000 gallons daily. I said to insert that in the agreement, and I was under the impression it was in the by-law until two weeks ago. I cannot account for the omission and no one can be more surprised than I am, because of my taking it up at the time with Mr. Raymond. I saw the original and I am of opinion there was something funny done about it."

Ald. Raymond said that at the time it was stated in the papers that there was this limit. "I do not know how it was kept out," Ald. Stewart added. "I remember it as distinctly as if it had happened this minute and I understood in the council chamber that it should be in."

Mayor Hall, who was not in the council at the time, said he also had got the opinion that there was a limit from the press reports of the day.

This was all that was said about the matter.

OFFICIAL TEST OF AERODROME POSTPONED

Prolonged Flight Will Be Made in Baddeck No. 1 Within Ten Days.

(Special to the Times.)

Petawawa Camp, Aug. 13.—The official test of the aerodrome Baddeck No. 1 has been postponed. General Otter and members of the militia council who have been here will return to Ottawa. McCurdy and Baldwin, the aviators, will continue to make short flights and put the finishing touches on the machine. They expect in the course of ten days, however, to make a prolonged ascent.

TWENTY-FIVE RIOTERS SHOT IN FORTRESS

Convicted Spaniards Are Executed—Five Gendarmes Killed in Fight.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Barcelona, Spain, Aug. 14.—Twenty-five convicted rioters, were shot at the Montjuca fortress near here on Wednesday afternoon, according to a report current in this city to-day.

Minor disorders are of frequent occurrence in the city and five gendarmes were killed last night in a melee with revolutionist sympathizers.

DRAWING FOR LAND. Couer d'Alene, Aug. 13.—The first prize in the largest land drawing of the series held here under the auspices of the government was won yesterday by J. Furay, Warsaw, Ind., who will have first choice of 2,800 claims of the Flathead Indian reservation at Missoula, Mont. Jos. Hodge, of Deer Lodge, Mont., drew second place and Patrick Gulgiar, of Rosemont, Minn., third. The drawing continued throughout the day.

MAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT IN SEATTLE

Victim Crushed to Death When Machine Turns Turtle.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 14.—Wendell A. Odium, a real estate salesman, who recently came here from North Adams, Mich., where his relatives live, is dead to-day of injuries which he received in an automobile accident late yesterday when the machine turned turtle.

The auto, which was in charge of Chauffeur Edward Koepfel, was ascending a steep hill on Fifth avenue, when the engine suddenly stopped and the car started to ruck back down the grade. Koepfel jumped, but Odium remained in his seat and was crushed beneath the heavy machine when it struck the curb and turned over.

HANGS HIMSELF IN CELL

Prisoner Commits Suicide While Awaiting Trial on Charge of Murder.

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 13.—Despondent because his wife would not visit him while awaiting trial for killing a man he charged with having alienated her affections, August Coussens committed suicide in jail here early this morning and his body was found hanging in his cell by the jailers.

Coussens has been suffering from rheumatism, and his leg had been bandaged by the jail physician. During the night the prisoner unloosed the bandages and twisted them into a strong rope. He formed a noose, placed it about his neck and tied the other end of the rope to the top of the steel cell. He then kicked over a stool on which he stood and soon strangled to death.

SIX DIE FROM HEAT AT ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 14.—The heat which has caused six deaths and thirty-three prostrations in the last 24 hours, continues to-day. The suffering is intense.

tion of the G. T. P. has borne out his claim to distinction. The work on this great undertaking, which is destined to play such an important part in the history of Canada, has been pushed forward under the present management with wonderful expedition. It was not until about 1906 that work was commenced, and although only three years have passed the company has the work so well advanced that the visitors expect to travel all the way from Edmonton to Fort William on their own line on the way back east. From the Pacific ter-

has very pronounced views respecting the question of a railway to Bute Inlet and has the figures to back up his stand. He is in a position to show that that section of the mainland adjacent to Bute Inlet on the mainland, together with the northern portion of Vancouver Island, is the area from which the bulk of the merchantable timber of British Columbia has to be taken. A railway to Bute Inlet would therefore tap the centre of that trade.

Sir Charles, Mr. Hays and party will make their headquarters at the Empress hotel during the stay in the city.

JAPANESE WILL BUILD RAILWAY IN CHINA

Syndicate Has Been Formed in Tokio to Carry on Work.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Tokio, Aug. 14.—A Japanese syndicate organized under the name of the Oriental Exploitation Company, was formed here to-day, and the first meeting will be held August 18th, when the plans of the syndicate will be discussed and things reduced to a working basis.

The syndicate was formed primarily to build railways in China and advertise the country through which the proposed lines will run if constructed.

SUTTON INQUIRY.

Court Holds Secret Session to Consider Evidence.

Annapolis, Md., Aug. 14.—A secret session of the court of inquiry, which has been sitting to inquire into the death of Lieut. Sutton, began this morning. The court will consider the 1,400 typewritten pages of testimony of witnesses given in the Sutton case.

GRAFT AND BLACKMAIL IN NEW YORK CITY

Former Police Commissioner Says Hundred Million Change Hands Annually.

New York, Aug. 14.—"If I had been dishonest I could easily have made a million dollars annually," declared General Theodore Bingham, former commissioner of police of New York city, in an article in Hampton's Broadway Magazine, out to-day. He charges that one hundred million dollars in graft and blackmail changes hands annually in New York City, and alleges that Tammany is responsible for it. He asserts that "a crooked, supine and incompetent judiciary is what is the matter with New York."

Bingham declares that he was once offered \$5,000 cash and \$500 per month, just to be seen shaking hands with the proprietor of a downtown cafe, who wanted to use the acquaintance to convince people that he had police protection.

ENDS HIS LIFE.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 14.—Despondent because he had been reprimanded, Sergeant F. A. Berger, of the marine guard of the cruiser Tennessee, committed suicide by cutting his throat.

WHEAT CUTTING IN MANITOBA. Winnipeg, Aug. 14.—Wheat cutting was reported from fifteen points in Manitoba yesterday, and will be generally going on by Monday next. Frank O. Fowler, secretary of the Grain Dealers' Association, says that unless something unforeseen happens, 90 per cent. of the Manitoba crop will be cut by the end of next week.

NIGHT SHOW

BEEN EXPENSES

Given at Final in Drill

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